



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):	Yu <i>et al.</i>	Group Art Unit:	1647
Application No.:	10/092,390	Examiner:	C.J. Nichols
Filed:	03/06/02		
Title:	Novel Human EGF-Family Proteins and Polynucleotides Encoding the Same	Atty Docket No.:	LEX-0317-USA

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED SEPTEMBER 17, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

The Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Office Action ("the Action") mailed on September 17, 2003 (Paper No. 6), which has been carefully reviewed and studied. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. In order to facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the application, Applicants have attempted to address the objections and rejections in Paper No. 6 in the same order in which they were originally raised.

A Petition for an Extension of Time of three months to and including March 17, 2004 and authorization to deduct the fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) from Applicants' representatives Deposit Account are included. The response is thus timely filed. Applicants believe no fees in addition to the fee for the extension of time are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.